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Appointments made by the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Fifth Circle.

*1316 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. C. D. Nayagam, Deputy Registrar, Co-operative Societies, V Circle, appoints his own men in the vacancies occurring in the mufassal and transfers them to Madras City within a few days or weeks of their appointment in the mufassal;

(*b*) whether he has so appointed Subrahmanya Pillai, Ramanadha Pillai and Jesudas Gnaniah;

(*c*) whether Government are aware that by this means additional travelling charges are incurred by Government; and

(*d*) why the Accountant-General has not objected to these travelling allowance charges being incurred?

A.—(*a*) No

(*b*) No.

(*c*) & (*d*) Does not arise.

Industries

Opening of an industrial school at Calicut.

*1317 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state in what stage the proposals for opening an industrial school at Calicut and a trade school at Mangalore are and whether the courses of instruction, etc., have been settled?

A.—The question is under consideration.

Medical

Construction of the headquarters hospital at Palamcottah.

*1318 Q.—Mr. D. THOMAS: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have under consideration any scheme for the building of a headquarters hospital at Palamcottah;

(*b*) whether complaints have been made that the present buildings of the headquarters hospital are unfit and inadequate for the needs of a headquarters hospital;

(*c*) whether several years ago, private house buildings and sites were acquired at great cost for the purpose of putting up new buildings for the hospital;

(*d*) whether the houses thus acquired have been demolished and the lands cleared;

(*e*) whether the Government have now finally settled about the site of the proposed new headquarters hospital;

(*f*) whether the present buildings have been condemned by several high officials including His Excellency Lord Willingdon; and

(*g*) whether, in view of the urgent need for a proper building for the headquarters hospital and in view of the provincial remissions available this year, the Government will push on the scheme of the new hospital?

A.—(*a*) & (*e*) The Government have decided that a new headquarter hospital for the Tinnevelly district should be constructed on land adjoining the existing hospital for women and children at Vannarpet. Detailed proposals have not yet been worked out.

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(*b*) The Surgeon-General reported in 1924 that the existing buildings were unsuitable for a modern hospital.
(*c*) A site next to the present hospital was acquired for Rs. 34,000.
(*d*) The Government have no information.
(*f*) Yes.
(*g*) The construction of the new hospital will be taken up by the Government with due regard to its urgency in relation to the requirements of other medical institutions in the Presidency.

Public Health

Construction of a special drain for Salem town.

* 1319 *Q.*—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPAH Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the drainage water of Salem and Shervapet town is let into the river Tiramanimattar, which is passing through the middle of the town ;

(*b*) whether the people of the town and the dhobies are washing the clothes in the drainage water collected into pools on the bed of the river ;

(*c*) whether the town is being visited periodically with cholera, plague and other epidemic diseases ; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to make some arrangements to construct a special drain for the purpose of letting the drainage water to a place far away from the town ?

A.—(*a*) The sullage water of Salem and Shervapet finds its way into the Tiramanimattar river.
(*b*) The Government have no information.
(*c*) The following statement shows the mortality in Salem municipality from the principal epidemic diseases during the five years ending with 1926 :—

—	1922.		1923.		1924.	
	Number of deaths.	Rate.	Number of deaths.	Rate.	Number of deaths.	Rate.a
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Cholera	3	·1	2	04	86	1·6
Smallpox	125	2·4	17	·3	30	·6
Plague	29	·6	658	12·6	680	13

—	1925.		1926.	
	Number of deaths.	Rate.a	Number of deaths.	Rate.a
	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Cholera ..	167	3·2	247	4·7
Smallpox ..	56	1·1	9	·2
Plague	699	13·4	Nil.	Nil.

a Per mille of population.